



The **BUFFER**

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The President's Notes

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It looks and feels like Spring/Summer has arrived. We are having changeable and strong weather patterns and higher temperatures. The water is starting to warm and fish are looking up and get more active. I am getting ready the rods, reels, vests, packs, and fly boxes that I had already gone over during the winter. I have been out to the Mad, and Brookville and enjoyed it, but I am anxious to get on the road where the fishing is always better, isn't it?

As we are looking to the trips coming up, let's also look to coming back the same way we left, except for great memories and good pictures. Review all the Safety procedures we should be doing while we are going to, during, and coming back from fishing.

Check out your transportation. Is the vehicle in better shape than we are? How about air in the tires? Brakes and tires still good from the last time? Do we have equipment to help if we get stuck in the sand or mud or break down along the road? Is there a fresh backup driver when we start to get tired or where are we going to pull over? Who is going to drive when we celebrate our big fish or commiserate being skunked? Is there a first aid kit available that has been recently checked?

When wading on the streams, how much flow and how deep is the water? Is it a tailwater that can change quickly? Do we have a schedule and can we count on it? Is the flow going to increase with snow melt (this

BUFF April 2012 Program

**Peacock Bass on the Fly
Steve Horgan**

Steve will provide background information about peacock bass, preferred fly fishing gear for them and peacock bass outfitter choices. He will then discuss his October, 2011, fishing trip on the Matupiri River in the Amazon Basin in Brazil.

one got me in trouble) in the afternoon? Where is my wader repair kit? Do I have my wading staff with me and is it attached where it won't get in the way? What is the best boot for the bottom of the stream? Where is my fishing buddy? What do I do if I float my hat? Watch out for people strainers! How do I get out?

Watch out for the sun burn. Put on your sun screen early and often. Wear a broad brimmed hat that is attached somehow. Use a scarf or "BUFF" to cover head and neck areas that the hat may miss. Do you need sun gloves? How bad are the bugs going to be? Do you need bug repellent (watch your fly line when putting this on)? Is it black fly season and you need a head net? Are there any other critters I need to be prepared for? Do I have enough water with me for the day? What is the weather going to be like? Where is that raincoat? Where is the flashlight and backup? Are the batteries fresh or do I have spares? Where is my first aid / emergency kit? When is the last time I checked it out? Where is the spare vehicle key? How do I get this hook out of me? Did I debarb it?

I would like to congratulate again Dave Jones for receiving the Lifetime Membership Award, Jon Kennard for the Fly Fisher of the Year Award, and Ken Foltz for the Board of Directors Award. These gentlemen have done great service for BUFF and have earned these awards many times over. Please extend your thoughts when you see them.

Now I am going to go back to getting ready to fish this Spring.

Jeff

Volunteers Needed at Parky's Farm

Please let me know if you would like to help with the Parky's Farm Children's Fishing Program. I want to develop a list of volunteers who are willing to help and are available on Fridays during May, September and October. Fishing hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM. Generally, 4 to 5 volunteers are needed each Friday except on Parky's Farm special events days when bus loads of children come from schools, then we could use 8 to 10 helpers. Also, if you want a great place to fish before and after the activities, bring your rod and flies. Located in Winton Woods County Park, it is open from dawn until dusk.

If you have not participated before, this is a great opportunity to support our club and see many smiling faces as children catch a fish, many times their first fish ever; so come join us for a wonderful experience at Parky's Farm.

We will provide all the equipment and bait needed so all you have to do is show up and help bait some hooks and take off fish. While our spring season normally begins in April, this year it will only be on May 4th, 11th and 18th. The fall program begins on September 7th and is currently planned to run for 6 straight Fridays. Please mark your calendars and plan on being there.

Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, turn right at the light onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

OR

Traveling east on Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd.). Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Drive, which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Thanks for your help! Steve Horgan

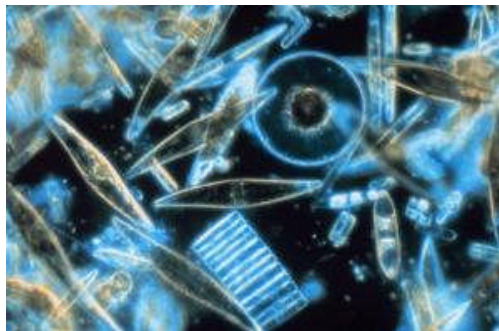
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“Diatoms are mostly single-celled organisms that are abundant on all underwater surfaces that receive light. Susan Willis of the University of Cincinnati identified 101 diatom species in Taylor Creek and 132 species in Tanner’s Creek. She found the number of diatom cells reaches over 42 million in Taylor Creek and over 62 million in Tanners Creek, per square centimeter of streambed.”

Stanley Hedeem. Natural History of the Cincinnati Region

The only time we may be aware of diatoms is when we see foam in our streams that is caused by their decomposition, but they are one of the largest and ecologically most significant groups of organisms on the planet. They will occur anywhere there is water and sunlight. They are in the oceans, lakes and rivers; marshes, fens and bogs; damp moss and rock faces. Because of their abundance they account for as much as 20% of the earth’s photosynthetic fixation of carbon, the chemical process that uses the energy from the sun to break carbon dioxide down into oxygen and carbon compounds such as the ones that end up as limestone and dolomite. They sequester more carbon from the atmosphere than all the tropical rain forests in the world. Although they do not have any specific predators, they are grazed upon by the class of macroinvertebrates known as scrappers such as snails, and caddis fly larvae. Their biggest threat is muddy water that retards sunlight and buries them under a layer of silt. As stewards of planet earth, we can help these microscopic life forms by maintaining a good riparian and by doing things like planting willow shoots to stabilize a mud bank.

Steve Lilly



Thanks go to Dr Hadeem for letting us quote from his book. If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net or Jon Kennard at jonkennard@fuse.net

“Fishing Disasters” or “Why I joined BUFF”

JR Jackson

It was Gatlinburg in mid-July, but this isn't a Johnny Cash tune and I ain't no boy named Sue. I'd gone on a weekend trip with a group of friends and decided to try my hand at fly fishing for the first time, having received a fly rod for Christmas that year, and having also studied a book and DVD on fly fishing basics in order to be thoroughly informed for such an endeavor. After two days of prodding, I finally talked the group into driving me down to the Little Pigeon River that flowed through downtown Gatlinburg on the premise that I would catch fish for dinner that evening. It was mid-afternoon on one of the hottest days of the year, but it was also quite possibly going to be my only shot at wetting a line with the crowd of non-fishermen I was traveling with, so I had to take what I could get. One guy even decided to fish with me, and being new to the world of fly fishing, I didn't know that I was supposed to express any distaste when he stopped at a local bait shop to pick up a container of wax worms.

From the banks, two trout the size of small logs were visible holding tight to the bottom in a shallow pool. I figured I'd catch them first, since they were such easy targets. Stumbling and splashing my way to within an easy casting distance upstream of these monstrosities (which were probably watching my every awkward move with great amusement), I tied on a black wooly bugger. A beautiful 25 foot cast landed my line directly over their heads and my retrieve nearly bounced my fly right over their noses. To my amazement, they didn't budge. After a couple more tries to no avail, I switched to a Green Weenie (there's a certain irony to that particular fly being fished by an overly-confident beginner), which yielded similar results. Something was wrong with these fish; this wasn't how the guy on the DVD said it was going to be.

In my focus on catching the aforementioned fish, I'd failed to sense that I'd become a sort of entertainment attraction for the tourists walking the sidewalks along the river through town. “Hey! Get a picture of that guy down there...he's fly fishin'! Just like in that movie...the one with Brad Pitt!” I did my best to pretend not to notice, but more and more people (including a few attractive co-eds) seemed to be taking interest. If I couldn't show my new audience how to catch a fish, I figured I could at least impress them with a couple of the false casts I'd practiced the week prior. I began waving my rod tip back and forth, shooting a little more line out with each cast, and I knew for a fact that these people were witnessing fly casting perfection. I almost envied them for being able to admire my long, beautiful casts and tight loops from afar...I could out-cast Brad Pitt any day of the week. I let go of the fly line with my left hand as my right arm reared back to heave forth a mighty thirty-five foot cast, and then, suddenly, everything stopped. As I tugged forward with my rod a second time and felt a springy resistance, my audience alerted me to what I already knew...“Hey! He hooked a bush! Hurry up and get a picture of that!”

I fished for three hours that day, and things never got any better. I heard myself uttering words which I hadn't used since the first (and subsequently, the last) time I ever played golf. And to add insult to injury, I saw my friend The Bait Fisherman land a beautiful sixteen inch rainbow trout, followed by two more. I joined BUFF about a month after that fishing trip, and the lessons I've learned through the classes, trips, and conversations I've shared with other members have provided me invaluable insight into the world of fly fishing. I still get “skunked” on a regular basis, but not every time I go. And the most important thing I've gained from my time in BUFF, is that when I do get skunked I have much better excuses.

BUFF 2012 Calendar

Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.

April 2012

- Apr 2 **Casting Tune Up** 6 – 8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Apr 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Apr 5-8 **Spring Steelhead Trip** Chagrin Falls, OH Tom Herr
- Apr 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Apr 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Apr 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Apr 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Apr 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

May 2012

- May 3 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- May 5 **Casting For Recovery Fish-A-Thon,** 8am – 12 pm VOA Park
- May 3-6 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
- May 4-6 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon
- May 4 **Parky's Farm,** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 8 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- May 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- May 9-13 **Carolina Trout Quest** Pete Moore and Gary Cummins
- May 11 **Parky's Farm,** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 14 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- May 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- May 17-20 **Elk River Trip** Rodney Louke and Lee Chambers
- May 18 **Parky's Farm,** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 18 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- May 22 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- May 21-25 **Spring Creek Trip** Phil Pursley
- May TBD **Fly Fishing 101 Outdoor Fly Fishing Lab for Beginners** TBD



June 2012

- Jun 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jun 7-10 **Elkhorn River Trip** Marty Foltz and Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 12 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Jun 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jun 15 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jun 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jun 23 **Paddlefest,** Float on Ohio River, Coney Island to downtown Cincinnati
- Jun 25 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Jun 26-28 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip,** Ken Dixon
- Jun 27-30 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey

July 2012

- Jul 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Jul 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Jul 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Jul 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Jul 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

August 2012

- Aug 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Aug 8 **BUFF NKFF Combined Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park?
Aug 14 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Aug 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Aug 25-Sep 1 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey
Aug 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

September 2012

- Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Sep 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 16 20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Sep 21-23 **Casting For Recovery Retreat**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Sep 28 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon

October 2012

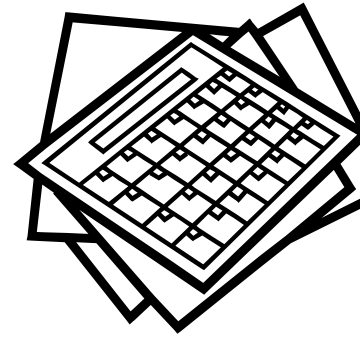
- Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

November 2012

- Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Dec 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Dec 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley



April Menu

Dinner Menu

Hand Breaded Cod
With lemon wedges and dill pickle relish

Gourmet Macaroni and Cheese

AYS Signature Cole Slaw

Seasoned Roasted Potato Wedges

Country Style Green Beans

Fresh Baked Corn Bread

Dessert

Gourmet Assorted Cupcakes

2012 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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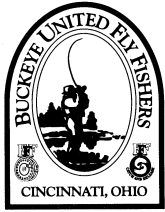
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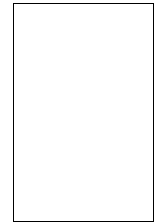


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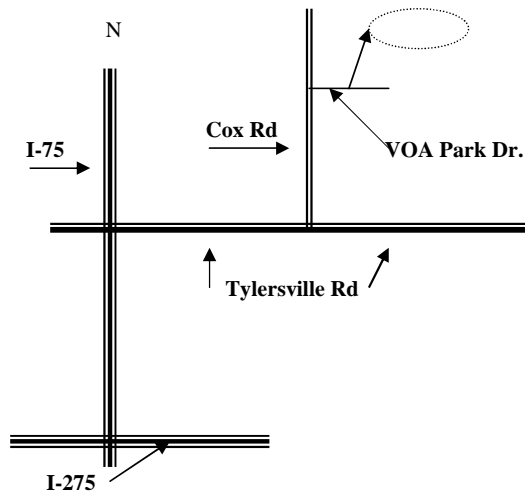
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

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Next Monthly Meeting – April 11

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Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge

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